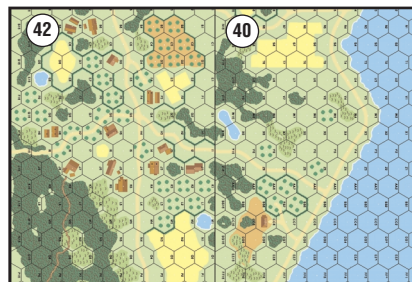


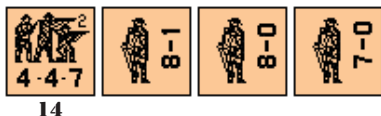
A black and white photograph showing a group of soldiers in a tropical environment. They are wearing hats and are positioned in front of a large, thatched-roof structure, possibly a hut or a tent. Palm trees are visible in the background.

 GERMANS SET UP FIRST	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	
 BRITISH MOVE FIRST							



**Elements of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regiment [ELR:2]** Set up on any whole hex of Board 40 north of the “river” {SAN:2}:

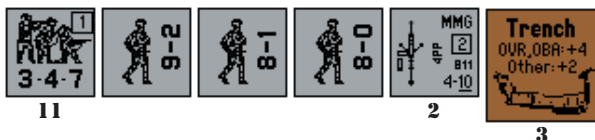
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# GERMAN

**Elements of German East African *Schutztruppen* [ELR:3]** Set up anywhere on Board 42 {SAN:4}:



1. EC are moist with no wind at start. PTO is in effect with light jungle (EXC: brush IS brush and not bamboo, hedges are present, and roads are present).
2. All buildings are wooden. All walls are hedges.
3. The river on board 40 represents the Indian Ocean. No land exists east of the river.
4. Use Italian MMCs, SMCs and SW to represent German *Schutztruppen*. [EXC: Broken side morale of MMC is raised by one; use German HOB modifiers.]
5. The British forces were poorly trained. They are not immune to cowering. Infantry smoke grenades are NA for either side.
6. To simulate angry bees, the following rule is in effect: Whenever a unit in a jungle, palm, or brush hex rolls doubles for a morale check, task check, or close combat roll OR an original 12 during a fire attack, all units (enemy or friendly) in the same hex must take an additional NTC. Failure of which results in the unit becoming pinned (EXC: unless already pinned or broken, then the unit breaks). Bee task checks (BTC) occur after the application of the results of the roll that initiated the BTC. [Note: it is possible for BTC to initiate other BTCs]

In the event, it was the poorly trained British and Indian forces that performed badly and the German *Schutztruppen* who acquitted themselves well. The British managed to cut the railway line and penetrate into the town itself, before being driven back by a counterattack. Of note during the battle were beehives fashioned out of hollow logs and hung by the locals from trees. The bees, irritated at having their hives hit by rifle and machine-gun fire, would often swarm out in force stinging all in the surrounding area regardless of their national allegiance. At times during the battle, shooting would cease while the combatants fled the fury of the bees. The Germans, despite being outnumbered 8 to 1 and equipped with black powder rifles of Franco-Prussian War vintage, managed to inflict disproportionate losses on the expeditionary force, forcing it to withdraw. Of greater importance to the Germans was the capture of modern rifles and 600,000 rounds of ammunition. The British would achieve no easy victory in East Africa. Four years later, the Armistice found Col. Lettow-Vorbeck and his soldiers in the field, still unbeaten.